

Good morning to all Navy Medicine personnel and the Hospital Corps!

Welcome to our second issue of the Force Report. I am writing you from the 2017 MCPON Leadership Mess Symposium in Leesburg, VA. This is an annual meeting where Command Master Chiefs, Forces and Fleet Master Chiefs come together to exchange ideas and promote enlisted leadership development. The theme for this year's symposium is authentic, competent, and courageous leadership. We also discussed guidance for CPO 365 and the Leadership Development Framework.

May was a very exciting month!

1. VADM Faison held his annual Leadership Symposium in early May where triads from many Navy Medicine and Fleet commands discussed disaggregated and distributed medical capabilities and healthcare delivery in an air-sea battle and the requirements to achieve high survivability in that environment. Equally important were the discussions on education and training requirements/opportunities. This forum provided BUMED senior leaders the resources to articulate environmental changes to their commands and also reached a common understanding of Navy Medicine's focus on maintaining a Ready Medical Force and a Medically Ready Force.

2. NMETLC continues to develop the new HM "A" School curriculum that will ready our Corpsmen for assignments in the sea base, expeditionary, and Medical Treatment Facility environments. The first class with the new curriculum will convene on 5 July and graduate on the Navy's 242nd Birthday, 13 October 2017!

3. We are currently soliciting ETL applications for NEC 8541- Respiratory Therapy Technician. Application packages must be received no later than 30 June 2017.

4. Congratulations to all the Petty Officers selected for advancement to the next higher paygrade! Your hard work is vital to our Navy Medicine team. Best wishes for continued success in your career!

5. SAVE THE DATE! The annual Navy Medicine Force Run is set for Saturday, August 26th, 2017 at Joint Base Fort Myer/ Henderson Hall, VA. I have attached the Force Run flyer but will expound on additional details in the next update. I look forward to seeing you there!

6. As we prepare to commemorate Memorial Day, I would first like to give pause for those who have given all in service to our country and fellow service members. Their sacrifices have protected our way of life. Also remember that Memorial Day marks the start of summer, be safe and take care of one another.

7. Our Hospital Corps' 119<sup>th</sup> birthday is on the horizon. Our rich history is unmatched; we boast many recipients of the Medal of Honor, Navy Cross, Silver Stars and numerous other awards. I am sure that you are as proud as I am to be a member of largest and most decorated rating in the World's Finest Navy. Enjoy all the festivities.

8. In remembrance:

~~Hospital Corpsman Third Class Jeffery L. Wiener, 32, of Louisville, Ky., died May 7, 2005, in a combat related incident. Doc Weiner was assigned to II Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF).~~

~~Hospital Corpsman Third Class Zarian Wood, 29, of Houston, Texas, died May 16, 2010, of wounds from an IED blast while on dismounted patrol in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to India Company, 3rd Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force.~~

~~Hospital Corpsman Third Class Lee Hamilton Deal, 23, of West Monroe, La., died May 17, 2006, as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was operationally assigned to Regimental Combat Team-5, I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), and permanently assigned to 2nd Marine Division Fleet Marine Force Atlantic, Camp Lejeune, N.C.~~

~~Hospitalman Eric D. Warren, 23, of Shawnee, OK, died May 26, 2012, of wounds received in an IED blast in Sangin District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, Regimental Combat Team-6, 1<sup>st</sup> MARDIV (Forward), I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), Camp Lejeune, NC.~~

You will never be forgotten!

9. The following leaders will be going ashore within the next month:

CMDCM Tyrone Willis (Walter Reed National Military Medical Center)  
HMC Melissa Gomez (Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center)  
HM1 Olawale Diji (Navy Medicine Research center Fort Detrick)  
HM1 Thad Keese (Navy Medicine Training Support Center)

Thank you for all of your strong efforts every day. I am humbled to work for you.